

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY and IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NOS. ARC-01-150 ARC-01-151
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued April 17, 2001)

On March 23, 2001, the Large Energy Group Intervention Alliance (LEGIA) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in these dockets, which will examine, among other things, Interstate Power Company's (Interstate) and IES Utilities Inc.'s (IES) joint fuel procurement plan to be filed on or before May 15, 2001. The LEGIA asks that it be made a party to the ARC dockets. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice filed a response on March 27, 2001, urging that the Board grant the petition to intervene. No objections to the petition were filed.

In support of its petition to intervene, the LEGIA states that its current membership consists of 16 large electric customers of Interstate and IES. The LEGIA's current membership roster is attached to its petition. The LEGIA states it is interested in issues related to fuel procurement that have been identified by the Board in previous orders issued on January 19 and February 23, 2001, because the resolution of those issues will impact the electric rates charged to its members.

The petition to intervene will be granted. The LEGIA has demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by the Large Energy Group Intervention Alliance on March 23, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of April, 2001.